

Nov. 13, 2019 250th Meeting Minutes

Due to very cold temperatures (high of 18 degrees) the 250th meeting was held at the Protectworth Room of the town office and not at the Meeting House. This was an attempt to save the town money with heating costs. Volunteers present were: Happy and Leigh Callaway, Pixie and Don Hill, Poul Heilmann, Bill Sullivan, Donna Tibbetts, Trudy Heath, Janet Lebrecht, Fred Davis, Keith Cutting, Jim Bednar, Emily Cleaveland, Angela MacCreighton and Dick Hendl.

Don welcomed the volunteers and again re-iterated that we are on the home stretch of this 2+ year organization and celebration. Enthusiasm remains high and with only 5 more events scheduled we will make it to the finish line in grand fashion. Don gave an update on the lift. After much back and forth, Banwell Architects provided Don with a name for a structural engineer, Miles Stetson. Mr. Stetson has been in touch with Don and has reviewed the requirements at the Meeting House. Initial assessment is that everything looks fine, but a more detailed report will be forthcoming. The report will be forwarded to Banwell and they will report the findings to us. Mr. Stetson, also, provided Don with a name for an installer and Don has already been in touch with him. The installer hopes to have a quote to us before the end of the year.

Leigh Callaway gave the treasurer's report. To date we have raised \$107,412.80. After expenses we have \$73,522.78 in the bank. Keith Cutting made a motion to accept the Nov. 13, 2019 treasurer's report as read, Trudy Heath seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Leigh requested feedback from the volunteers regarding having the treasurer's books for the Trust audited before they are closed on Dec. 31. Poul Heilmann made a motion to move for an audit of the trust books, Donna Tibbetts seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The names of Maryanne or Dick Petrin were given as being qualified individuals who could perform the audit. Leigh will reach out to them.

Don reminded the group that we had to accept the meeting minutes from Oct. 16, 2019. Donna Tibbetts made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Leigh Callaway seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Leigh Callaway reported that the time capsule is now on display in the library with most of the contents that will be inserted. The next time capsule meeting is Tues., Nov. 19th and the agenda will include the planning of the ceremony for the closing of the time capsule on Dec. 22.

Poul Heilmann reported on merchandise sales. All merchandise is now %50 off original prices or more. Don Hill stressed the importance of moving the remainder of the merchandise. It all goes to the bottom line and as of Jan. 1st it becomes "worthless" as there will be no bottom line to put it towards as the trust will be closed.

A review of the past few events took place. The hike to Morgan Pond had over 30 people participate. Don Hill recorded the event and he will try to get it transposed and edited with photographs for anyone who wants to do a self-hike. The Fireman's Pancake Breakfast was also a success. The Sip-A-Soup event was also great, raising more money overall than the previous year. Jim Bednar thanked the nearly 2 doz. volunteers who helped make it a success.

Discussion followed regarding the last five events. Jim Bednar and Fred Davis are taking lead on the Thanksgiving service on Nov. 24th. Poul Heilmann will arrange to have lights in the windows. No other volunteers needed. The Christmas Craft Fair is on Saturday, Dec. 7. Jim is taking lead on this one as well. He needed 12 crafters and actually had to turn away a few people who were interested. Emily Cleaveland reported she had a fair number of people sign up for the bake table. Pixie will try to recruit some more people from the town office to sign up. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will be on Sunday, Dec. 15. Pixie Hill and Jim Bednar will be taking lead. Marla Binzel has offered to make goodies for the event. Angela MacCreighton will reserve a hot chocolate dispenser through the bank. A real tree can be placed in the Meeting House provided it goes into the Meeting House on the same day it is to be removed. The closing of the Time Capsule will be handled by the Time Capsule committee and Don Hill is taking point on the Official Closing of the 250th on Dec. 31st.

In new business, Emily Cleaveland said it was going to be hard to transition into a year with no 250th events and proposed having a pot-luck dinner at her house so

we could all enjoy each others company without having to volunteer for something. The suggestion was well received by the group and a date will be set.

Next 250th Meeting is Dec. 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House. Should the weather require a change to the town office, volunteers will be notified.

Respectfully submitted,
Pixie Hill